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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6104698).

- With respect to claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, 13, & 18, Fan teaches an ATM communication system (col. 13, lines 15) comprising: a source which produces traffic for connections having known traffic characteristics and unknown traffic characteristics (Fig. 1), with weighted priorities and without weighted priorities (Fig. 8 has Wubr and Subr); a network on which traffic travels, the source connected to the network, the source sends the traffic having known traffic characteristics and unknown traffic characteristics onto the network (output channel Fig. 3); and a destination which is connected to the network and receives the traffic having known traffic characteristics and unknown traffic characteristics (e.g. terminal at receiving end).

- With respect to claim 2, Fan discloses a switch connected to the network, which switches the traffic from the source to the destination (Fan explicitly fails to teach the connection to the network, however it is inherently to person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to understand the communication system of Fan is connected to network for transferring information system).

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- With respect to claims 7, 16, & 22, Fan teaches the traffic known traffic characteristics is ABR, CBR, VBR or a combination of the same (Fig. 1).

- With respect to claims 8 & 20, Fan also discloses a signaling message that identifies to switches of the network the weight of each UBRw VC (call reception control circuit in Fig. 1).

- With respect to claims 12, 17, 19, 21, & 23-24, Fan teaches a switch for switching traffic on an ATM network from a source to a destination (col. 3, lines 15) comprising: a mechanism receives traffic for connections having unknown traffic characteristics (UBR in Fig. 1) with weighted priorities and without weighted priorities (Fig. 8 has Wubr and Subr); a mechanism for transmitting the traffic for connections to the network, the transmitting mechanism connected to the receiving mechanism (it is inherently to person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to understand the system of Fan for transmitting data between terminals). Fan also teaches a scheduler for scheduling when the connections having traffic with unknown characteristics having weighted priorities are to be transmitted to the network, the scheduler connected to the transmitting mechanism and the receiving mechanism by utilizing weighted rotational priority control (col. 4, lines 29-37).

- With respect to claims 14 & 15, Fan discloses including a memory for storing the connections, the memory connected to the receiving mechanism, the scheduler and the transmitting mechanism (Fig. 16).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

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4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H TRAN whose telephone number is (703) 308-7471. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAO SEEMA can be reached on (703) 308-5463. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 872-9314.

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